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Chronic Wasting Disease Sampling and Check Stations



Terrestrial Habitat Biologist Todd Caltrider extracts lymph nodes from a deer at the Kaycee Check Station. The lymph nodes were sent to the Game & Fish Lab in Laramie to check for the presence of CWD.



Buffalo Wildlife Biologist Dan Thiele answers a hunter's question at the Kaycee check station.



Sheridan Wildlife Biologist Tim Thomas extracts a tooth from a mule deer at a check station along Highway 14 west of Dayton.

Big game check stations were operated at Kaycee, Buffalo and along Highway 14 west of Dayton in the Sheridan Region during October. Antler width and teeth were collected from mule deer at the Kaycee and Highway 14 check stations. The teeth will be used to determine age distribution of the harvested mule deer and to correlate antler width with age. Lymph nodes were collected from deer to determine if the deer had chronic wasting disease (CWD). The Sheridan Region has submitted over 100 CWD samples and about 210 teeth samples to G&F Labs for analyses.



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2014 Elk Poaching Case Wrapped Up



Dayton Game Warden Dustin Shorma recently wrapped up an elk poaching case from 2014 that involved an individual from Montana who poached a large bull elk in the West Fork of the Little Bighorn River. The case started in April of 2014, when Shorma was provided a photograph with the suspect posing with a 6x6 bull elk. Recognizing the topography in the background, Shorma believed the bull had been poached in Wyoming and searched an area known to winter large bull elk. The ridgeline that matched the one from the photo and the kill site were found, as well as the headless carcass of the bull elk.

After further investigation the suspect admitted to killing the bull elk and pled guilty to WS §23-3-102(d) for illegally taking an antlered big game animal out of season. He was fined \$5,000.00, sentenced to a year of supervised probation and will lose his hunting and fishing privileges for two years. The antlers were never recovered as the suspect sold the bull's head to an antler buyer.

The photo that started the investigation by Dayton Game Warden Dustin Shorma.

October Was a Busy Month For Sheridan Region Game Wardens

Sheridan Region game wardens had a busy October. They documented over 240 violations including driving off-road on state land, waste of edible portions of big game animals, wanton destruction, shooting from road, taking a deer/antelope with wrong type of license, false oath, failure to tag a big game animal, mule deer taken on white-tailed doe/fawn tags, interference with a hunter and littering involving the dumping of carcasses.



Driving off-road on state land in the Buffalo Game Warden District.



Mule deer buck shot and left in the southern Bighorns.



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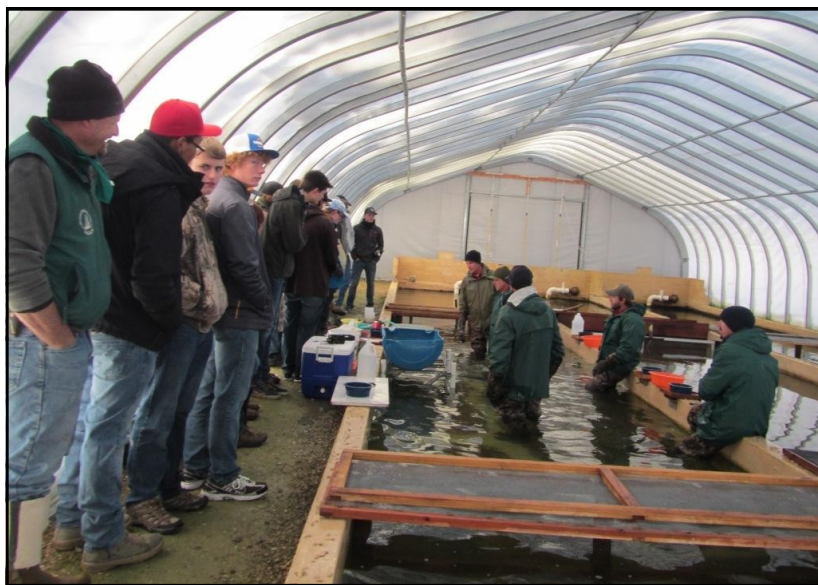
Rare Observation in North Central Wyoming

While talking to a landowner north of Dayton, Game Warden Dustin Shorma noticed a duck sitting on the landowner's pond that looked a little out of place. Shorma believed the duck was a surf scoter, a large sea duck that is usually found along the west coast. Photos taken through Shorma's spotting scope were sent to Game and Fish Waterfowl Biologist Nate Huck who confirmed the identity.



Two surf scoters, a rare sight in Wyoming, on a pond near Dayton, WY in October.

Fall Spawning Activities at Story Fish Hatchery



The lake trout, brown trout and brook trout brood stocks were spawned this fall at Story Fish Hatchery with an estimated 3,776,033 green eggs taken from 2,156 female fish. Splake were created by crossing lake trout and brook trout and tiger trout were created by crossing brown trout and brook trout. The eggs collected will be shipped to several state fish hatcheries across Wyoming, as well as state fish hatcheries in Idaho, Oregon and Nebraska; a tribal fish hatchery in Utah and national fish hatcheries in North Dakota, Tennessee and New Hampshire.

A group of Sheridan High School students listen as Story Fish Hatchery Superintendent Steve Diekema explains the fish spawning operation.



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Game and Fish Helps Out at Women's Antelope Hunt



Wyoming Game & Fish employees, Tristanna Bickford (third from left), Craig Smith (fourth from left), Rebekah Fitzgerald (fifth from left) and Jim Seeman (sixth from left) help the women get their rifles sighted -in.



Becky Rodriguez from Buffalo, participating in the Women's Antelope Hunt for the first time, sights-in her rifle.

Several Wyoming Game & Fish employees helped the ladies at the 4th Annual Wyoming Women's Antelope Hunt sight-in their rifles the day before the hunting began. This year over 40 women from around Wyoming and across the country participated in the antelope hunt headquartered at The Ranch at Ucross. The women hunt on several ranches in the Ucross/ Buffalo area.